



Photo by SSgt. Scott Davis

Peacekeeper Park opens

Visitors walk through Peacekeeper Park, adjacent to Liberty Park, after its grand opening April 25. The park is open to anyone who wishes to visit and experience the area's history and natural resources.

Summer hire begins

**By Bill Cunningham
Summer hire coordinator**

The 3rd Air Force student summer employment program for the United Kingdom kicks off June 23.

Applications are accepted through May 31.

To be eligible, students must be a U.S. citizen and command-sponsored family member between the ages of 14 and 23. Students who are 14 and 15 are employed on a space-available basis. Application packages are available at the RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall family support centers and high school and middle schools. Sponsors may complete application packages if the student isn't in the area through May 31.

The program benefits both the students and Air Force. Students receive \$4.25 per hour for their work. The Air Force gains additional help during the busiest time of the year for leave and rotation.

Students assist the mission by answering phones, filing, doing general housekeeping or other tasks.

For more information, call the 3rd Air Force civilian personnel office at 89-3540 between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. weekdays.

Clinic moves to new home

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The hospital's anatomic pathology clinic recently moved into its new 2,500 square foot home in Bldg. 923 next to the main hospital.

Col. John Shaner, 48th Medical Group acting commander, dedicated the building during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday after the clinic moved from the hospital annex.

The move was designed to improve the working environment for the technicians.

"This quality of life initiative gives our people a bigger, better facility to work in," said Shaner. "It's another part of our on-going hospital expansion project."

Anatomic pathology is part of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. It serves patients and clinicians who send tissue specimens to the laboratory for examination, documentation and diagnosis. Such bodily materials include pap smears, needle aspirations of tissue, tissue biopsies and diseased organs which have been surgically removed. The clinic also performs autopsies. Tissues and cells are examined by a cytotechnician or pathologist, and the diagnoses are forwarded to the patient's doctor.

Inside the facility, the clinic has added new furniture and equipment including a new grossing area workbench where tissue samples are examined by the pathologist.

"We're excited to be here," said Maj. Douglas Grider, pathologist. "Our clinic in the hospital annex was inefficient. We now have a happier team of people with an improved outlook."



SSgt. Ramsarran Singh, cytotechnologist, peers into a microscope to seek cancerous cells.

The clinic has four histotechnicians who specialize in tissue preparation and autopsy assistance to aid the two pathologists in making diagnoses. Approximately 4,000 tissue specimen analyses are completed each year. Two cytotechnicians screen pap smears and tissue aspirates. Approximately 11,500 pap smears are screened each year.

The facility helps the technicians with their processes, according to MSgt. Mercia Locke, cytotechnologist.

"The annex didn't have the facilities for the equipment that we needed," Locke said. "Everything here is set up according to the activities. Our comfort zone is much better."

The clinic receives specimens from 12 military installations throughout the United Kingdom, Italy, Norway and Turkey. It also has a full-time tumor registrar who serves as the cancer registry consultant for USAFE.

The clinic uses health fairs at RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall to educate the base communities with information on cancer and cancer screening.